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SUBJECT: SLA/U CAN NEGOTIATE ONLY WITH ASSURANCES THAT JEM AND KHARTOUM WILL ALSO LAY DOWN ARMS REF: A. TRIPOLI 249 B. KHARTOUM 583 C. DOHA 283

1.(C) Summary: Sudan Liberation Army Unity Faction (SLA/U) representatives back from Doha are keen to know how the USG regards rival factions - CHAD'S SUPPORT FOR JEM AND RECENT DEFECTIONS CAUSE ANXIETY

2.(C) In a May 3 meeting with Poloff, SLA/U representatives Sayyid Sharif and Mahgoub Hussein said they could accept further negotiations toward

3.(C) Hussein confirmed JEM's April 3 announcement that former SLA High Command member Suliman Jamous had joined up with Khalil Ibrahim but claims JEM IS TRYING TO DESTROY YEHIA TO BECOME NEW RULER OF SUDAN

4.(C) The SLA/U officials also confirmed that JEM had attacked SLA/U positions an Um Rai (ref B) with "53 trucks and several hundred fighters," SLA/U CLAIMS TO BE ONLY GROUP WITHOUT SPONSOR

5.(C) Holding out Chadian support for JEM and Sudanese support for janjaweed militias, Sharif claimed that SLA/U was the only rebel faction not

6.(C) Comment: After a month of setbacks, both representatives sought explicit statements of USG support - calling immediately after returning